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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE**  
**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

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Sir:

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As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), Applicants affirm that no item of information contained herein was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

The fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed.

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